

REMARKS**Rejection under 35 U.S.C §112**

The examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the examiner objected to the phrase "high quality surface finish" from claim 1. In response, applicant canceled claims 1-3 and amended claim 4 to remove the objectionable phrase. Given these amendments, applicant respectfully requests the examiner to withdraw the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. §112.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C §102 and 35 U.S.C §103

The examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Cardinale, and rejected claims 8-9 and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cardinale in view of Levinson et al. Applicant has canceled claims 1-3, 8-9 and 14-15, obviating the need to respond to these rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

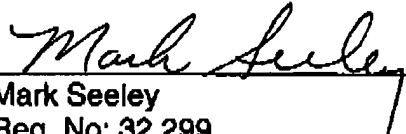
The examiner indicated that claims 4-7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The examiner also indicated that claims 10-13 and claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended original claim 4 to remove the phrase "high quality surface finish" and to incorporate into it all limitations from its base claim and all

intervening claims. In addition, applicant has rewritten original claims 10 and 16 in independent form to include all limitations from their base claims and any intervening claims. As a result, applicant respectfully requests the examiner to allow amended claims 4, 10, and 16 (and dependent claims 5-7 and 11-13) to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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